आग के कारण होने वाली दुर्घटनाओं के संबंध में ब्योरा

484. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विगत तीन माह के दौरान किसी न किसी खराबी के कारण हवाई जहाजों में आग लगने के फलस्वरूप कितनी दुर्घटनाएं हुई हैं और उन हवाई अड्डों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जहां ये दुर्घटनाएं हुईं;

(ख) इन दुर्घटनाओं में कितने व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई और इन मृतकों के परिवार के सदस्यों को कितना-कितना मुआवजा प्रदान किया गया; और

(ग) यात्रा के दौरान मारे गये व्यक्तियों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं और भविष्य में हवाई दुर्घटनाओं की रोकथाम हेतु क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) पिछले तीन महीनों के दौरान इस प्रकार की कोई घटना नहीं हुई ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) व्यक्तियों के मारे जाने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता तथापि विमान दुर्घटनाओं और खतरनाक घटनाओं की जांच के फलस्वरूप की गई सिफारिशों के कार्यान्वयन, सुरक्षा सूचना के प्रसार, कॉकपिट वाइस रिकार्डर की निगरानी, फ्लाइट निरीक्षकों द्वारा निगरानी, हवाई अड्डों के आवधिक निरीक्षण और हवाई अड्डों आदि पर पक्षियों के खतरे से बचाव के लिए उपायों के कार्यान्वयन द्वारा हवाई दुर्घटनाओं से बचने के कदम उठाए जाते हैं ।

Termination of flight between Delhi-Rajkot-Delhi

485. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for termination of flight between Delhi-Rajkot-Delhi;

(b) whether there is any plan to reschedule the flight during the summer schedule of Indian Airlines;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the pro-rate reservation for Rajkot-Jamnagar and Junagarh; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The flight between Delhi-Rajkot-Delhi was withdrawn due to relatively low traffic demand and shortage of capacity.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Due to inadequate demand and shortage of crew, Indian Airlines has no plans to reintroduce flights between Delhi and Rajkot at present.

Privatisation of Indian Airlines

486. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to privatise Indian Airlines in the current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the number of proposals received so far;

(c) whether Government have worked out the proposals and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether privatisation of the Indian Airlines would result in better air travelling facilities, increased safety and more revenue and profits ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Turnover of East-West Airlines

487. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total turn over of M/s. East-West Airlines in 1992-93;

(b) what is the amount of total sale of tickets by this Airlines in 1992-93; and

(c) what is the net profit earned by this Airlines in 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) As per the guidelines for Air Taxi Operations, there is no requirement for the Operator to submit such information.

Acquisition of A 320 Air Bus

488. SHRI CHOUDHARY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Airlines has entered into

a 192 million dollars financial arrangement with a consortium of European countries for the acquisition of more Air Bus (A 320) air crafts; and

(b) the terms and conditions under which the arrangements has been made?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main terms and conditions are given in the Statement.

Statement

Amount of Loan	:	US $ 192 million.
Rate of Interest	:	*(i) In respect of UK portion* LIBOR + 50 Basis Points.
		(ii) In respect of French Portion LIBOR + 55 Basis Points.
		(iii) In respect of German Portion Aircraft No. 1 to 4— 9.17% per annum
		Aircraft No. 5 to 6— 9.19% per annum
Repayment Terms	:	In 20 half yearly rental instalments commencing after six months from the delivery of each aircraft.
Guarantee	:	By Govt. of India to a maximum extent of 30% of the outstanding principal amount and 100% of the interest amount.

International Status to Ahmedabad Airport

489. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ahmedabad (Gujarat) Airport is declared as an international airport;

(b) if so, the number of international flights that come in a week at this airport;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government proposes to introduce some more flights from there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Air India operates two connecting flights a week from Ahmedabad to destinations abroad *via* Delhi and Bombay.

(c) No, Sir.

(b) Does Not arise.

Paucity of spare parts and maintenance items in Air India

490. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India management had set up a Committee to probe into the acute paucity of spares and other rotable aircraft maintenance items and was assigned in the task to carry out physical inventory of spares for their availability and movement for the past eight years;

(b) if so, its findings and action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Committee found that spares worth rupees 11 crores were untraceable and that spares and maintenance items worth over rupees 20 crores had not been used for over two years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard; and

(e) the new norms fixed in this regard and the action taken against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The final report of the Committee is awaited.

Non-payment of Customs Duty by Air Taxi Operators

491. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air-taxi operators have brought in aircraft without payment of customs duty;

(b) what action is being taken against them in this regard; and

(c) whether the Ministry and DGCA would suspend permission granted to such operators till dues are cleared?